

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Benjamin OSHLACK, et al.
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COMPOSITIONS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please **replace** the first paragraph following the title of the invention with the following paragraph:

- - This is a continuation of 10/163,484, filed on June 5, 2002, which is a continuation of 09/933,411, filed on August 20, 2001, which is a continuation of 09/784,888, filed February 16, 2001, which is a continuation of 09/481,909, filed January 12, 2000, which is a continuation of 08/909,328, filed August 11, 1997, which is a continuation of 08/613,344, filed March 19, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,656,295, which is a continuation of 08/081,302, filed June 18, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,549,912 which is a continuation-in-part of 07/800,549, filed November 27, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,266,331, hereby incorporated by reference.- -